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SUBJ: CANADIAN POLITICAL LEADERS TO VISIT ITALY

- 1. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN EMBOFF, THE TWO MOST PROMINENT CANADIAN POLITICIANS WILL BE PAYING VISITS TO ROME WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. FIRST VISITOR WILL BE PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WHO WILL BE TRANSITING ROME IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY SEPTEMBER 3-4 EN ROUTE BACK FROM HIS WORKING VACATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AFTER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GIVE AND TAKE WITH THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, TRUDEAU HAS AGREED TO MAKE CALLS ON PRESIDENT LEONE AND PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI AS WELL AS ON POPE PAUL.
- 2. CANADIAN EMBOFF DESCRIBED VISIT APPROXIMATELY A WEEK LATER OF CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION LEADER JOSEPH CLARK (AND WIFE) AS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE BUSINESSLIKE. ROME STOP IS PART OF A TOUR TO MAJOR EUROPEAN CAPITALS DESIGNED TO INCREASE CLARK'S CREDENTIALS AS THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY. CURRENTLY, CLARK'S PROGRAM CALLS FOR MEETINGS WITH LEONE, ANDREOTTI, FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI, SENATE PRESIDENT FANFANI, CHAMBER PRESIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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INGRAO AND POPE PAUL. CLARK SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED A

SESSION WITH AN ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIAL;
CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS HEDGED ON THE ISSUE BY ARRANGING
FOR A MEETING WITH INGRAO THUS AVOIDING AN
ENCOUNTER WITH A PCI OFFICIAL AT PARTY
HEADQUARTERS. CLARK DECIDED AGAINST HAVING A MEETING WITH DC
SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI.BEAUDRY

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